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1. the homes in Chimkent heated

Newer homes, are heated with small coal stoves located in the rooms. Central heating plants were non-existent in residences. The only one was in the Industrial College of the City of Chimkent (formerly the Teachers College). This system did not work in the winters of 1941-42 and 1942-43.

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The native houses had holes in the middle of the floor in which a mixture of manure and lime was burned. The natives would take their shoes off, sit on the floor and hold their feet over the fire.

2. the source of water in Chimkent

obtained water from a spring the central part of the city, This was the source of water for all the people in that part of the city.

an apartment on Amangelde Street, had a well in the courtyard from which all people in the apartment would pump their water. There are many open wells from which water is drawn in buckets.

In the summer the wells and spring would dry up and it would be necessary to get water from the irrigation ditches which were along the streets. This was always very dirty.

There is no city water supply other than that furnished in the irrigation ditches. They are fed from the mountains and from the Reka Badorn.

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Of course with wood in short supply there is little inflammable construction and small need for fire protection. not have any knowledge of any kind of an organized or volunteer fire department in Chimkent. There is so little wood that when a friend died, unable to provide a coffin for her.

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3. [] the sanitation facilities [] 50X1-HUM
- All toilets in Chinkent are outside. There is no sewage system in the city. Garbage is dumped into a hole in the ground. These holes are cleaned out periodically by city employees.
4. [] a rodent problem []
- [] never saw a rat or a mouse in Chinkent. Of course, flies were plentiful and they spread disease.
5. [] the electrical facilities of Chinkent []
- Although only about one of seven homes had electricity, the power was adequate. [] cooked on an electric plate and only occasionally would an electrical storm disrupt the current. The power was on 24 hours a day. There was no public lighting system in the city.
6. [] telephones []
- There were very few in Chinkent -- most of them were in the homes and offices of public officials. They did not have dial phones, nor was it necessary to turn a crank to be connected with the operator. One merely picked up the receiver and waited for the operator to ask for the number being called.
7. [] janitorial work [] 50X1-HUM
- There wasn't much done. [] Instead, a group of men in the neighborhood was recruited by municipal officials to take care of all the housing in the area. This was sporadic service at best. There was virtually no repair service during [] (1941-1945).
8. [] dormitory accommodations for university students [] 50X1-HUM
- For students who had no family in Chinkent the college took over a number of the old native huts. There the students would live by twos, threes and fours.
9. [] rent []
- In the Uzbek hut which had one room and in which six people were living, the total rent was one hundred rubles per month. In the apartment [] paid about forty rubles per month.
10. []
11. [] the condition of the city streets []
- The principal street, which runs more or less east and west, is called Sovetskai. This is a wide boulevard with trees along either side and paved with stone. It is the only improved street in the city. All others are dirt and become virtually impassable in the winter.

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[redacted] public transportation; [redacted]

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None, except for a bus which runs from the railroad station to the center of the city.

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